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CONTADORA GROUP DELIVERS REVISED PEACE DOCUMENT

Sends Accompanying Letter

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[Contadora Group foreign ministers letter to the Central American chiefs of state, issued in Panama City on 7 September]

[Text] The Contadora Group foreign ministers today delivered to the foreign ministers of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua a revised version of the Contadora document for peace and cooperation in Central America. The document was accompanied by a letter addressed to the chiefs of state of the Central American countries with the Contadora Group's views on Central America and the importance of the advances achieved in the efforts for peace.

In the letter addressed to the Central American chiefs of state the foreign ministers of Colombia, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela have underscored that the revised version of the Contadora document includes the many points of agreement reached during the negotiation process and conciliatory methods to resolve the pending differences. The letter also suggests that in view of the constant threats against peace, the Central American governments should sign the legal commitments agreed on in the Contadora document as soon as possible. Following is the text of the letter from the Contadora Group foreign ministers:

Dear Mr President: On 9 July we sent to you, on behalf of our governments, the draft of the Contadora Document for Peace and Cooperation in Central America. Today we respectfully submit to you a revised version that includes the observations and comments made to the draft by the five Central American Governments. This revised version is the result of many consultations and ample exchange of viewpoints with all the Central American governments who provided the Contadora Group with valuable material to review and enrich the document and to reach a consensus that will translate into the adoption of legal commitments among all the parties involved. This effort was based on our goal to find feasible solutions of conciliation among the various interests and to strengthen worthy and firm political understandings that will guarantee regional safety and respect of sovereignty.

In reviewing the Contadora document, the role of the Central American governments in the peaceful solution of the controversies and in overcoming the regional problems has been underscored once again. The process of dialogue and negotiation promoted by the Contadora Group has allowed meaningful advances in the quest for peace and cooperation today expressed in many points of agreement and in the formation of a coherent framework of understanding included in this revised version of the Contadora document.

It is now up to the political will of the Central American governments to give legal status to the commitments made during this process and consequently adopt the realistic and fair conciliatory methods considered to be adequate. The signing of the Contadora Document for Peace and Cooperation in Central America must lead to the establishment of respectful safety and coexistence, which are indispensable to ensure the political and economic stability desired by the peoples of the area.

The achievements made in the efforts to prevent a worsening of the conflicts in the region are evident: the advances in the diplomatic area, the strengthening of the political will in favor of dialogue and understanding, and the ample international support for the Contadora process. However, we should not overlook the fact that the arms buildup, armed aggressions, border incidents, destabilizing activities, and foreign military presence continue in the area.

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[Text] Bogota, 10 Sep (EFE) -- The foreign ministers of the Contadora Group and Central American countries reiterated their governments' willingness to "find a peaceful solution free of all foreign intervention" in their document, "Peace for Central America."

The document issued at the conclusion of the last meeting that the foreign ministers attended in Panama City last weekend was made public today in Bogota by Colombian Foreign Minister Augusto Ramirez Ocampo. Ramirez Ocampo presented all the heads of diplomatic missions accredited in Bogota with copies of the document, which they are to forward to their corresponding governments.

The Colombian foreign minister handed out copies of the agreement in the course of various meetings with the diplomats, who were grouped according to geographic regions. Ramirez Ocampo met first with the ambassadors of the United States, Canada, and Japan. He then received the ambassadors of the Latin American countries and an hour later those of the Socialist bloc.

EFE has learned that the document restates the "commitment to seek respectable and honorable formulas to solve with equality the grave problems that prevail in the region and reiterates the political will of the respective governments." It also emphasizes "mutual guarantees for the national security of each and every one of the states." The document focuses particularly on the need to strengthen Central American integrationist institutions as a means of improving the region's economic and social conditions.

The Colombian foreign minister also met at San Carlos Palace, which houses the Foreign Ministry, with the ambassadors of the countries that will attend the joint meeting of foreign ministers to take place in Costa Rica on 28 and 29 September. The meetings with the ambassadors of the EEC countries, Spain, Portugal, and those of Central America and Contadora focused on the preparations for that meeting, which is expected to give decisive support for the fulfillment of the Contadora proposals for Central America.

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Nicaragua's D'Escoto Reports

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[Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto interviewed in Panama City via telephone by unidentified reporter in Managua -- live]

[Text] [Reporter] We have on the telephone Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto who has just come out of the Contadora Group meeting in Panama City. What effects has this meeting of the Contadora Group foreign ministers with their Central American counterparts had for Nicaragua?

[D'Escoto] I must tell you that the meeting is not completely over yet. I have just briefly come out of the meeting and will soon be returning to it so that we can issue to the national and international press here in the Panama Hilton Hotel the joint communique to made known to the international public what occurred today. Briefly, the Contadora foreign ministers have presented a revised document. That is to say, when they presented the Contadora document to the Central American heads of state some months ago, they indicated that many elements might be missing and were possibly needed in the document and they requested the contribution of all the Central American governments to enrich the document and thus be able to present an improved document.

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PY172120 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1623 GMT 17 Sep 84

[Excerpt] Buenos Aires, 17 Sep (TELAM) -- National Senator Enrique Gomez Centurion, of the San Juan Bloc, termed as positive the meeting which a group of senators held with British Labor Party MP Donald Anderson, who came through Buenos Aires last Saturday and with whom they discussed the Malvinas issue.

The San Juan Province senator explained to Radio del Plata that a meeting was held on Saturday noon at the request of the British MP, who wished to meet with the Senate's representatives before the Inter-Parliamentarian Commission. Gomez Centurion stated that the following persons took part in the meeting: Senator Julio Amoedo (Justicialist) in his capacity as president of the Commission, Adolfo Gass and Juan Trilla (Radicals), and Deputy Stubrin (Radical).

Gomez Centurion then explained that Anderson is the president of the Foreign Relations Commission of the House of Commons, that he is a member of the Labor Party and is one of the persons in Britain who is especially interested in finding a logical solution, as soon as possible, to the Argentine-British conflict.

Senator Gomez termed as positive the exchange of ideas held with the British legislator, who while on his way from Chile to the United States decided to make a stop in Buenos Aires. Gomez explained that Anderson is optimistic regarding the future because he believes that as time goes by the Labor Party will gain a stronger position within the British Government. Gomez said that the talks had been positive because they discussed Argentina's sovereign rights over the Malvinas and Anderson expressed understanding.

PJ LEADER COMMENTS ON MEETING WITH KISSINGER

PY171901 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 17 Sep 84

[Text] Referring to Argentina's negotiations with the foreign banks, Justicialist Party [PJ] leader Carlos Grosso, who participated in the meeting that Argentine politicians held with Henry Kissinger, this morning said that he did not believe Kissinger had come to Argentina to impose abrupt changes but rather to mediate positive solutions.

Asked about the subjects discussed during the meeting, Grosso denied that the possibility of the U.S. supporting Argentina at the United Nations to press Great Britian to negotiate had been discussed. Grosso said that three of the main subjects discussed were democratic stability in Latin America, particularly in Argentina, the world economic crisis and its effect on the economy of various countries, particularly on the Argentine economy, and Argentine-U.S. relations based on the two previously mentioned matters.

Grosso pointed out that they also talked about the strange complicity that existed for many decades between coupist groups in Argentina and the international coverage given them by certain groups foreign to Argentina's political life, including the connections these coupist groups could have had in the United States.

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